

Share Your Where[™]

Geo-social interaction for your BlackBerry 8800 series smartphone

User Guide







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Overview

Welcome to the Blip user guide

Blip is an easy-to-use geo-social interaction tool for BlackBerry® smartphones that feature internal GPS technology. It enables you to Share Your Where with the people that you know and vice versa. By sharing GPS locations, Blip helps everyone answer questions of Who, Where, and When.

Blip allows you to interact with BlackLine's GPS Snitch vehicle tracking and security product. GPS Snitch owners who are familiar with the GPS Snitch Web experience are now able to take it on the road with them on BlackBerry smartphones.

Users of BlackBerry Smartphones without GPS technology can share in the fun, interacting with shared GPS-enabled BlackBerry smartphones and GPS Snitch devices.

If you own a BlackBerry Pearl[™], BlackBerry Curve[™], or BlackBerry 8700[™], purchase a GPS Snitch for yourself and start tracking!



Blip Introduction Screen





Overview

This Guide

For users wishing to publish GPS locations with the Blip application, this guide assumes that you have created a BlackLine account, activated your BlackBerry 8800 Series smartphone, and installed the Blip application.

For users who have a compatible BlackBerry without GPS and wish to interact with a GPS Snitch device or shared GPS-capable BlackBerry smartphones, this guide assumes you have an account and installed Blip on your BlackBerry device.

The following Web link offers further information about Blip, details on BlackBerry compatibility, how to create a BlackLine account, how to activate Blip on GPS-capable smartphones, and how to install Blip on compatible BlackBerry devices.

www.blacklinegps.com/blip

Blip Compatibility with BlackBerry Smartphones

The BlackBerry 8800 series is fully compatible with Blip. BlackBerry devices with 4.2 OS or higher are supported.



Note:

Blip requires BlackBerry operating system version 4.2 or higher.





Overview

Since GPS is not built within certain BlackBerry smartphones, the interaction experience is limited. If you have a non-GPS-enabled BlackBerry device, your smartphone will be able to interact with the BlackLine GPS Snitch and GPS-enabled BlackBerry 8800 series smartphones. However, others will not be able to map your most recent location since GPS publishing is not possible.

If you have a GPS Snitch or co-workers, friends, or family with a BlackBerry smartphone, go ahead and download Blip for your non-GPS-based BlackBerry smartphone. Signing up for the beta program is not necessary since your smartphone is not able to publish GPS locations.





GPS & EULA

GPS Location Security Notice

When you start Blip for the first time, your BlackBerry smartphone will notify you that it is requesting access to your GPS location. For Blip to perform correctly, you must agree to Blip's continued access to your GPS data. Check "Don't ask this again" and select the "Yes" button.

End User License Agreement (EULA)

When you start Blip for the first time, you are presented with an end-user license agreement. To use Blip, you must agree to the terms set out within this agreement.



Access to GPS information



End User License Agreement





Login Page

When you agree to the EULA, you are presented with the login page. Pressing the menu button on your BlackBerry smartphone while on this page allows you to modify connection settings, view data usage, and access GPS location publishing features that do not require you to be logged in to modify.

Logging in to the Blip service

To log into your Blip account, enter the e-mail address that you used to create your BlackLine account into the User Name data field. Enter your password into the Password field. Check the 'Remember me on this device' checkbox if you would like both your User Name and Password to be remembered in the future. Using the trackball or scroll-wheel, select the Log In button to proceed into your Blip account. You can also access "Log in" from the menu.

Publishing options

A primary feature of Blip is the ability for the application to publish GPS locations to your BlackLine account. Publishing is only



Login Screen



Publishing Options





possible on activated GPS-capabile BlackBerry Smartphones such as the BlackBerry 8800 Series.

Published locations are accessible to you and to the people that you know to whom you share your device history. Currently, only the BlackBerry 8800 Series devices contain internal GPS technology and are able to publish GPS locations.

You can modify how frequent your BlackBerry device publishes locations via the Publishing Options page. Choose between publishing every 5 min, 15 min, 30 min, or once per hour.

Publishing History

As part of the Publishing Options, there is a Publishing History that records each publishing attempt plus its success or lack of success. Each publishing of your location includes a time and date stamp so that you can conveniently review your BlackBerry smartphone's publishing success.

There are times when GPS coverage is too weak to compute a position, such as when in buildings that incorporate metallic



Publishing History





window tinting and concrete structure, such as office buildings. In these situations, a failed location publish is flagged "Poor GPS Coverage".

Publish Location Now

You can publish a location at any time. Select 'Publish Location Now' from the menu. This task instructs Blip to attempt to publish your location to your account. Depending on the number of GPS satellite signals available and their intensity, the publishing event will be successful or not.

You can view the success in your Publishing History, accessible from the Publishing Options Page.

Total kilobytes

A running total of the data use of Blip is maintained for you. Blip is a thin client that uses only a small amount of data. Data use is influenced by a number of factors including how often you use the Blip browser to view devices locations, how many shared devices that you have on your account, and how often you publish locations.



Publish Location Now





Show EULA

At any time, you can view the Blip End User License Agreement by selecting Show EULA from the menu on the Log-in page.

Connection Settings

You can change the method of how Blip communicates with the BlackLine GPS servers by adjusting the Connection Settings via the menu while viewing the Login page.

Available settings include MDS, TCP, and WAP connections. We recommend keeping the default settings unless you have connection troubles.

These are advanced features and we do not recommend you change them without assistance from the BlackLine GPS support team that can be reached via:

E-mail: support@gps-snitch.com





Devices Page

When you log into your account, the first page displays the devices activated on your account and a list of devices shared to your account from people that you know.

Use the trackball or scroll-wheel to scroll through the list of devices activated on your account or shared to your account. To quickly go to the top of this list, press "T" on the BlackBerry keyboard. Similarly, to go to the bottom of the list, press "B".

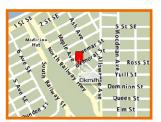
Depending on the device type, a different menu will appear when you press the menu key or press the trackball or scroll-wheel. Where appropriate, menu items are highlighted that are specific to BlackBerry smartphones and GPS Snitch devices.

Map Last Location

This menu item allows you to map the most recent location for the highlighted device within the BlackBerry Maps application. If you keep BlackBerry Maps open, each time you map a location, it will be remembered within BlackBerry Maps until it is closed. To



Devices Page



Mapped Location: BlackBerry Maps





quickly map a location, press the letter "L" on the BlackBerry keyboard.

If you do not have BlackBerry Maps installed on your BlackBerry smartphone, you can proceed to the BlackBerry Web site and download the application:

www.blackberry.com

Show History

Both BlackBerry devices and GPS Snitch devices support the Show History feature. For BlackBerry devices, the history of published locations will be displayed while with GPS Snitch devices, the requested or scheduled locations will be shown along with any security alerts.

Device Status

Selecting device status will display a page related to the BlackBerry or GPS Snitch that you have selected. The contents of the device status are specific to BlackBerry or GPS Snitch devices.

Devices Page



Device History

Last Update:Aug 09,2007 21:47:35	
Name	Patrick1.104
Online	٨
Uisarmed	•
Battery: 100%	
GSM: 60%	**I
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Device Status





BlackBerry: Publish Location Now

If you highlight a BlackBerry device that is activated on your account, you can access a "Publish Location Now" menu item. If you select this menu item, Blip will attempt to publish your current GPS location. This event will be written to your Publishing History. if successful, the location will be published to your account so that your current location is accessible to others and for your own purposes.

GPS Snitch: Locate

This menu item is only available when a GPS Snitch device is highlighted and allows you to request a location from the unit in real-time. In comparison, BlackBerry devices do not support real-time tracking since their locations are published manually or automatically.

Retrieving a location from a GPS Snitch takes approximately 20 to 40 seconds. To quickly locate a GPS Snitch when highlighted, press the "Enter" button.





GPS Sntich: Arm / Disarm

This menu item is specific to GPS Sntich devices and relates to its vehicle security function. Select this menu item to arm or disarm your GPS Snitch system.

Logout

Select this menu item when you wish to be signed out from your account. Your user session always lasts 20 minutes where you'll be signed out automatically.

Refresh Page

The data available on the Devices Page is static like a Web browser. To keep data usage to a minimum, this data is only updated when you request it. To refresh this data, either press the "R" hotkey of your BlackBerry keyboard or select "Refresh" from the menu. This will pull the most current device data from the BlackLine servers.

Publish Options

From this menu item, you can adjust the publishing options of your BlackBerry device as discussed earlier in this guide.





Total Kilobytes

As described earlier in this guide, you can view the amount of data use since the last time this counter was reset.

About

You can view the current version information of the Blip client application installed on your BlackBerry device by selecting "About" from the menu.

Hide

Selecting "Hide" from the menu pushes the Blip application into the background of your BlackBerry desktop. This allows you to access other functions of your BlackBerry device, such as the phone log, e-mail, etc.

Close

When you wish to close the Blip application, select "Close" from the menu. Closing the Blip application will stop all publishing of GPS locations and communication with BlackLine's servers.





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On the Web

Your account on the Web gives you access to other features, such as the ability to name your devices, activate further devices, invite others, and much more. Of course you can interact with devices too! Access your account via:

gps-snitch.com

Sharing Your BlackBerry Smartphone

The power of Blip comes from its ability for your to share your location with others that you know. Friends, co-workers, and family do not even need a BlackBerry device to see where you are. They can access your BlackBerry smartphone location from BlackLine's GPS Snitch site.

All you have to do is send them an invitation to have access to your location. Log into your account on gps-snitch.com and proceed to the Sharing page. Enter the e-mail address of someone who you would like to invite to have access to your location and press "Send".



gps-snitch.com Online Account

The people you know do not even need a BlackBerry device to see where you are. They can access your BlackBerry smartphone location from their online account!





gps-snitch.com

When you share your devices, an e-mail invitation will be sent to them inviting them to create an account in order to see where you are. Setting up a BlackLine account is free and takes only a couple minutes.

Go ahead and Share Your Where!

Support

If you have questions, comments, or problems with Blip or your online account, please contact:

support@gps-snitch.com

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